

# West Nile Virus- Mosquito Control Resources *6/18/2004*

## MOSQUITO CONTROL RESOURCES

The best way to prevent West Nile Virus transmission is to eliminate mosquitoes in your environment, and to prevent mosquito bites through personal protection.

The following non-toxic resources are available to help control mosquitoes in water.

### Mosquito Fish

These tiny one-inch fish eat the larva of mosquitoes. In sufficient numbers, they are excellent in ornamental ponds, water troughs, terminal drainage basins, and other similar structures. However, because of their ability to displace native fishes, mosquito fish (*Gambusia affinis*) should only be used in water bodies and man-made structures, that have no connection to, or ability to drain into, public waterways, streams, lakes, or drainage ditches.

At last survey, mosquito fish could be obtained from the following locations:

- Educated Gardener, 2909 El Camino Real, Santa Margarita, 438-4250
- John Alexander's Abalone Farm, west of Hwy. 1, north of Cayucos, 995-1109 (please call to make arrangements)
- Lily Pad, 1164 Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande, 489-7663
- Pat Alexander, 6520 Los Gatos, Atascadero, 462-3431 (please call to make arrangements)

### Mosquito Dunks

Mosquito dunks float on the water and release a mosquito larvicide. Dunks are non-toxic to humans and animals, and last approximately 30 days. Suggested uses are in ornamental ponds, birdbaths, flowerpots, tree holes, unused swimming pools, and any other locations where water collects and remains for a period of time.

- Bay Laurel Garden Center, 2500 El Camino Real, Atascadero, 466-3449
- Farm Supply Company, 675 Tank Farm Road, San Luis Obispo, 543-3751
- Pacific Water Gardens, 354 Pacific St., San Luis Obispo, 594-1693
- Ron's R & R Nursery, 1207 13th St., Grover Beach, 489-4747
- Also many nurseries, home improvement centers, hardware stores and other retailers carry the product. Call ahead for availability.

For additional information please call 781-5544